

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 12th July 2015

Contest Results

Results of the 80 Metres Counties Contest held in June have now been published. Just 11 station logs and one SWL log were received, with 17 of the 32 counties active in the contest. See www.irts.ie/results for the IRTS Contest Results page, and congratulations to the award winners.

Our contest manager tells us that the June 80 metres contest will be dropped from next year's contest calendar, but an additional 40 metres counties contest, probably in the Autumn, will be added.

CQWW World Record

Congratulations to Pat O'Connor EI9HX who came first in the 80 metres SSB Single Operator Low Power Assisted section of the CQ World Wide DX Contest held in October 2014. Pat's score of 196,000 from almost 1,500 QSOs represented a new world record for this category. Well done to Pat!

2m Nets

SEARG will continue their 2m net on Tuesday nights after the IRTS weekly news. This is to promote the use of the band, which has seen a decline in use. The intended frequency used is 145.400MHz and net has had many stations calling in since its introduction. Everyone welcome to join in.

Fingal Radio Club and Dermot EI2HD continue their 2m call-in on Wednesday and every Wednesday at 7p.m. Please try and give your support by getting on the air. Keep 2metres alive. The frequency is 145.7625MHz, CTCSS 88.5KHz on the Dublin repeater

VHF/UHF Squares Table

The VHF/UHF squares table for 2015 runs from January - December inclusive. It is never too late to submit numbers to this table as these are updated on a monthly basis. We would be interested in squares worked on all VHF/UHF bands up to 10GHz.

Please mail your squares listed by month to Steve EI5DD wrights1/at/eircom/dot/net

DX News

Over the past few days Aeriel NY4G has been active as NY4G/VY2 from Prince Edward Island, Canada. On 15th July he moves to the St Pierre and Miquelon Islands where he will sign FP/NY4G until 23th July. Activity will be mainly on CW and logs will be uploaded to Club Log and Logbook of The World. QSLing will be available via Club Log OQRS.

HV0A will be QRV from the Vatican from 16th to 19th July. The operator will be Sandro VE7NY and he will be using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSLs, as usual for this station, will go via IK0FVC.

Bill W5SJ will sign ZF2EZ from the Cayman Islands from 16th to 20th July. He will operate from the ZF1EJ shack and QSLs are via his home call.

A group of four Japanese operators will be active as S79HN from Praslin Island in the Seychelles. Dates are from 16th to 20th July and they will be on all bands 6 – 40m CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL Manager is JJ2VLY.

North Cork Radio Group

The North Cork Radio Group are pleased to announce their annual Radio, Electronics & Hobby Rally will be held this year on Sunday, 13th September 2015 at The Commons Inn, Blackpool, Cork.

As per usual, doors will open at 11am and entry is €5 per person, children under 16 are free. Raffle tickets will be available at the door.

For anyone wishing to secure a table, or stall, please contact Lisa EI9GSB on 086 8427756 or ei9gsb /at/ me.com to ensure early confirmation. For anyone interested in taking the morse test, or to have QSLs checked, please advise us as soon as possible so that we can arrange to have the relevant officials present.

We look forward to seeing you all there!

70MHz (4M) Awards

To celebrate the likely adoption of the band 69.9 – 70.5 MHz as a secondary amateur

allocation in the European Common Allocation Frequency Table and Ireland's significant involvement in the process, IRTS is pleased to launch two new 4m awards. The purpose of the awards is to recognise and promote DX achievements by amateur radio operators interested in the range 69 – 74 MHz. In-band and Cross-band awards are available. Log extracts are required and there is currently no charge for the awards. Full details are available on IRTS website

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Aidan, EI7JC on 085 7100511.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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